# **TEAK TO FSC® STANDARDS**

Material & Care



# MATERIAL

- SIEGER uses only FSC<sup>®</sup>-certified teak from sustainable forestry for its aluminium furniture with teak.
- Produced in accordance with international ecological and social standards and the guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC<sup>®</sup>), which guarantees forest management according to the strictest rules.
- SIEGER is certified under the number FSC<sup>®</sup> C122927.
- Our furniture with FSC®-certified teak is specially labelled.

## PROPERTIES

- Teak has a very fine wood structure and is characterised by exceptional durability and resistance and thus a long service life. Teak is therefore particularly suitable for continuous outdoor use.
- The essential oils naturally contained in the wood provide natural protection, which is why teak does not require any additional surface protection.
- New teak parts have a distinctive honey-brown colour. Untreated, the wood is subject to a natural greying process on the surface due to the effects of weathering such as sun and rain, and a beautiful silver-grey patina develops over time. However, durability and stability are not affected by the changing colour. This process can be prevented by regularly treating the teak with teak oil.

## CARE

• Before first use, wipe the teak with a damp cloth to remove any sanding dust.

## For natural teak we recommend:

- Even if you want the teak to weather naturally and turn silver-grey, you should clean it regularly. Teak is best cleaned with soapy water, a brush, possibly a sponge and warm water.
- First remove coarse dirt with the brush and rinse the teak thoroughly with water. Brush the wood well with a light solution of soft soap. Use a sponge for more stubborn stains. Always work in the direction of the wood grain. Then rinse the teak with plenty of water and leave to air dry. If the teak has become a little rough after cleaning, you can sand it smooth by hand with fine sandpaper in the direction of the wood grain (120 grit). Finally, wipe off any dust with a cloth.
- Remove stain-forming substances immediately with water, soft soap and a brush.

## For preserving the characteristic teak colour we recommend:

- If you want to preserve the original honey-brown teak colour as much as possible, you can prevent the natural greying process by treating the teak with teak oil. Repeat this process at regular intervals to ensure that the teak retains its colour permanently.
- We only recommend treating teak with teak oil if the furniture is covered and protected from the rain. If oiled teak is exposed to rain, this can lead to staining and uneven colouring.
- Before treating with teak oil, clean the furniture thoroughly with teak cleaner and allow to dry well. Follow the care instructions of the care product manufacturer.

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#### Never use for cleaning:

- Cleaners containing chlorine, acids or solvents.
- Scratching or abrasive agents. Hard brushes or steel wool.
- Products with aggressive chemical additives.
- Strongly acidic or alkaline solvents.
- High-pressure cleaners.

These can damage the surface.

## **STORAGE**

• Even though SIEGER furniture is resistant to the effects of the weather, winter storage indoors or in dry, sheltered areas keeps the furniture looking good for longer and at the same time protects it from soiling.

#### We recommend:

- Store in a dry place.
- Store frost-free, but not overheated.
- Protect from UV radiation during the winter.
- Avoid large temperature fluctuations.
- Ensure good ventilation.
- If winter storage indoors or in a dry, sheltered place is not possible, we recommend protecting the furniture with commercially available covers. To allow air to circulate and prevent waterlogging or condensation, these should not rest on the ground or on the product. Plastic wedges or similar spacers are suitable for this purpose. Alternatively, remove the protective covers regularly for short periods. Water should be able to run off easily and not remain on the protective cover. Always remove snow from the cover. Failure to do so can lead to mould or mildew stains on the furniture.

## **NOTES**

• To protect the frames, the furniture is fitted with plastic foot caps or floor glides. Like all plastics, these are subject to abrasion, which can vary depending on the structure and colour of the floor and may leave streaks. This does not constitute a product defect.